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Letter dated 2 April 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to convey to you hereunder that part of the Final Communiqué of the Thirteenth Arab Summit Conference, held in Amman, Jordan, on 27 and 28 March 2001, that relates to the issue of the three islands belonging to the United Arab Emirates, namely the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa, that have been occupied by the Islamic Republic of Iran since 1971:

"The Arab Leaders reaffirm the sovereignty of the United Arab Emirates over its three islands, the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa, and their support for and endorsement of all the peaceful measures it is taking for the restoration of its sovereignty over the three Arab islands. They call upon Iran to end its occupation of the three Arab islands and to desist from pursuing a policy of imposing *faits accomplis* by force in these three islands, including the construction of installations for the settlement of Iranians there. They urge Iran to pursue peaceful means for the resolution of the ongoing dispute concerning the three Arab islands, in accordance with the principles and norms of international law, including agreement to refer the dispute to the International Court of Justice. The Leaders express their regret that Iran has refused to respond positively to the endeavours of the Committee of Three mandated by the Gulf Cooperation Council to devise a mechanism to initiate direct negotiations between the United Arab Emirates and the Islamic Republic of Iran for an end to the Iranian occupation of the three Arab islands. The Leaders request the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States to monitor the issue of the Iranian occupation of the islands belonging to the United Arab Emirates and to submit a report thereon to the next Arab Summit Conference."

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

